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(U) NATIONAL**(U) Illinois – Man Facing Felony Charge after 420 Pounds of Marijuana Found in Home**

(U) Chicago – A suburban Chicago man is in custody and facing drug and weapons charges after police discovered more than 400 pounds of marijuana inside his home. 31-year-old David Gutierrez is charged with a felony count of manufacturing or delivery of cannabis and misdemeanor charges of unlawful use of a weapon and possession of drug paraphernalia. Last week, tactical officers executing a search warrant at Gutierrez's home found the estimated 423 pounds, with a street value of more than \$3 million, along with four handguns, a shotgun, and a large amount of cash.

SOURCE: 2 April 2018, [WGN TV](#)

(U) Illinois – Two Deaths and 54 Cases of Bleeding Tied to Synthetic Pot

(U) Chicago – Synthetic cannabinoids have been tied to 46 cases of severe bleeding, including one death, across areas in central Illinois. All the cases required hospitalization related to coughing up blood, blood in the urine, bloody nose, bleeding gums and other symptoms. Three cases tested positive for brodifacoum, or rat poison, according to a statement from the Illinois Department of Public Health. Officials are working to identify any common synthetic cannabinoid products related to those cases and to determine where the products were obtained.

SOURCE: 2 April 2018, [CNN](#)

(U) Pennsylvania – Exchange Student Accused of School Shooting Plot

(U) Upper Darby – Police say a foreign exchange student who was arrested last week for threatening to shoot up his school had built a gun with over 1,600 rounds of ammunition. 18-year-old An Tso Sun of Taiwan, a foreign exchange student at Monsignor Bonner Archbishop Prendergast Catholic High School, had hundreds of rounds for an AR-15 and AK-47 and a 9 mm handgun he built himself from parts purchased online. He was allegedly planning to unleash carnage on the school on 1 May. Court records show Sun told a classmate about the possible attack, who in turn alerted a school employee.

SOURCE: 2 April 2018, [CBS Philadelphia](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) Afghanistan – Airstrike Kills 30 Taliban Fighters**

(U) Kabul – An Afghan official says an airstrike on a Taliban training camp in northern Afghanistan killed more than 30 insurgents and wounded many more yesterday, while the Taliban said the airstrike hit a religious school during a graduation ceremony, killing dozens of civilians. It was not immediately possible to reconcile the conflicting accounts. Several children were being treated for wounds at a local hospital, indicating civilians were in the area.

SOURCE: 2 April 2018, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Mexico – One Policeman and Eight Gunmen Killed in Shootout

(U) Mexico City – Prosecutors in western Mexico say one police officer and eight gunmen are dead

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following a shootout in the state of Jalisco. The state prosecutor's office said yesterday the police officers were patrolling when assailants opened fire on them from several vehicles. Following the gunfight, the dead gunmen were found inside pickup trucks and SUVs or on the ground around them. Three police officers were also wounded. The Jalisco drug cartel is active in the area.

SOURCE: 2 April 2018, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Somalia – Five Militants Killed in Airstrike

(U) Mogadishu – The US military announced that it launched an airstrike that killed five extremist militants in central Somalia, this past Sunday. Two Somali intelligence officials said that the airstrike targeted a vehicle carrying senior al-Shabab officials. Al-Shabab officials did not immediately comment on the incident. However, pro-al-Shabab media outlets reported that only two civilians were killed in the airstrike, quoting senior commanders of the militant group. The US said the latest airstrike, like others, was carried out in cooperation with Somalia's government.

SOURCE: 2 April 2018, [Associated Press](#)

(U) United Kingdom – Police Arrest Two Men on Suspicion of Terror Plot

(U) West Yorkshire – Two men, aged 52 and 21, were detained on suspicion of preparation or instigation of acts of terrorism by counter terror police. Loud bangs would have been heard as officers gained entry to two addresses in the Savile Town area of Dewsbury, authorities said. The suspects are at a police station in West Yorkshire for questioning, and two homes were being searched in connection with the investigation.

SOURCE: 3 April 2018, [Independent](#)

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